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1. [REDACTED] the Yugoslav Government wished talks with the Soviet Government as a means of enhancing Tito's prestige and that this is another example of the Balkan game of playing off the major powers against each other. The Yugoslavs believe that they know the Russian Communists extremely well and thus the former may be able to make an eventuality of coexistence. 50X1-HUM
2. [REDACTED] the Soviet Union wanted this meeting to counteract the Western agreement for a Four Power meeting and to insure the neutrality of Yugoslavia. The Soviets hope to bring Yugoslavia into a line of buffer states including Finland, East Germany and Austria, which the Soviets feel is now necessary after the integration of West Germany into NATO. 50X1-HUM
3. [REDACTED] negotiations for the meeting must have been going on for months, and that the date was set for the time when it would have maximum propaganda effect. The purge of Djilas and Dedić and the removal of Peko Dapčević as Chief of the General Staff cleared the way for this reconciliation. It was also pointed out that no military men were included in the Soviet delegation. 50X1-HUM
4. The magnitude of the USSR's step [REDACTED] can be measured by the fact that Khrushchev and Bulganin have never before 50X1-HUM

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